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SUBJECT: WORLD FOOD COUNCIL MEETING, ROME

FOR BUFFUM FROM THE SECRETARY

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1. I FAIL TO UNDERSTAND OUR TEPID REACTION TO THE CONFRONTATIONAL
ATMOSPHERE, DISRUPTION, A D ATTACKS ON HANNAH AND THE
SECRETARIAT THAT APPARENTLY PREVAILED AT THE WORLD FOOD
COUNCIL MEETING. IN PARTICULAR, WHY HAS WASHINGTON
INSTRUCTEDOUR ECOSOC DELEGATION IN GENEVA TO QUOTE TAKE
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A POSITIVE APPROACH REGARDING THE FUTURE OF WFC UNQUOTE.

2. I CAN UNDERSTAND WHY WE WILL WANT TO KEEP THE WFC GOING BUT I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THE RECENT PERFORMANCE OF CERTAIN DELEGATIONS IN ROME SHOULD GO UNNOTICED. I UNDERSTAND THAT COUNTRIES WHO ARE MOST IN NEED OF OUR FOOD ASSISTANCE, SUCH AS SENEGAL AND BANGLADESH, WERE IN THE VANGARD OF T E ATTACK. WHE WFC GREW OUT OF OUR INITIATIVES IN AN AREA WHERE WE WOULD BE DOING THE GIVING, AND THOSE WHO DISRUPTED THE PROCEEDINGS WOULD BE THE PRIME BENEFICIARIES. FURTHERMORE, WE SHOULD NOT TOLERATE ABUSE AGAINST DISTINGUISHED, EARNEST OFFICIALS LIKE JOHN HANNAH.
3. IN LIGHT OF THIS I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE PREPARED FOR MY CONSIDERATION MONDAY A RUNDOWN OF WHAT TRANSPIRED AT THE WFC IN JUNE AND WHY, AND WHERE WE GO FROM HERE. IN ADDITION, THE PACKAGE SHOULD CONTAIN FORMAL PROTEST MESSAGES FOR WHATEVER CAPITALS, SUCH AS BANGLADESH AND SENEGAL, MERIT THEM. DO WE THINK THAT THE GOVERNMENTS OF THESE COUNTRIES FULLY KNOW WHAT THEIR REPRESENTATIVES ARE UP TO? AS FOR MEXICO, I WANT A FORMAL PROTEST PREPARED FOR MY CONSIDERATION TOO.
4. THIS PACKAGE SHOULD BE CLEARED WITH UDER SECRETARY ROBINSON WHO WAS PRESENT IN ROMEM KISSINGER UNQTE INGERSOLL

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